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Title : Need to set up a National Institute of Science in Orissa.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the immediate need for declaration to set up a National Institute of Science in Orissa. Keeping in view the emerging trend of industrialisation and foreign investment in Orissa, the need for setting up of a National Institute of Science is of very much importance to create adequate technical professionals.

On 9th December, 2003, Shri Murli Manohar Joshi, the then hon. Minister of Human Resources Development had announced that the UGC would take steps to set up four National Institutes of Science at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Pune and Allahabad. However, on 28th September, 2005, when the Prime Minister declared for setting up of Indian Institutes for Education and Research at Pune and Kolkata, the name of Orissa was missing.

Hon. Chief Minister of Orissa, Shri Naveen Patnaik took up the matter with the Prime Minister and the Minister of HRD on several occasions. Educationists, students and people of different walks of life have staged a number of protests for the immediate declaration to set up a National Institute of Science in Orissa. In December, 2005, a dharna was held at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi where hon. Members of Parliament of Orissa were present in support of the demand[bru15].

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Members of Parliament have also raised the issue very strongly in both the Houses of Parliament. I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government on the need for setting up of a National Institute of Science in Orissa at the earliest.